

The Holy Trinity

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist May 26, 2024

# Welcome!

## Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and marital status, every ability and challenge. We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.

We're glad God has called you here today! If you're a guest, please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastor or assisting minister. If you would, sign the guest book in the Gathering Area or fill in a guest card, and we'll be happy to send information on how you can get involved at Immanuel.

#### Masks are now optional during worship service.

#### Facilities

- Our parking lot is located on the south side of the church off Sherman Avenue. You may park in the lot at any time, whether for church events or for shopping or other errands in downtown Evanston; weekdays, see the church office at the Lake St. entrance to get a parking pass. Parking meters are free until 1:00 P.M. on Sunday.
- The parking lot entrance is an accessible entrance. An elevator is located just inside that door.
- Restrooms are downstairs near the meeting of the two hallways. Accessible restrooms are located near the elevator on both upper and lower levels. A gender-neutral restroom is located on the lower level by the elevator.
- We love having children in worship! Activity bags are available from the ushers. There is a nursery and changing/crying room for parents to use, if needed, located downstairs. There are also changing tables in both restrooms on this level, by the elevator. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- Hearing assistance is available. Ask an usher for equipment.
- Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the building. The network is "Immanuel," password "allarewelcome." Please use the Internet responsibly!

#### About Our Worship

Our Sunday worship is organized around the proclamation of the Word of God and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. It has a familiar form each week, but the content changes for each service according to a calendar shared with many other Christians. The liturgy is printed in this bulletin. If you're worshipping via Zoom, please remain muted until you get to the part where you will be invited to unmute and participate in some parts of the liturgy, as marked by this symbol.  $\frac{1}{2}$  = UNMUTE

#### **Receiving Holy Communion**

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal because Christ invites you! There is no specific age requirement for Communion. There are two options: You may come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor and wine or grape juice from the Assisting Minister. The glasses will be pre-poured, with the grape juice in the inner circle and wine in the outer circle. Each person will take their own glass from the tray. Empty glasses can be deposited in trays on the front pews. This will be a continuous communion, standing to receive the elements. The other option is we have individually packaged communion with either wine or grape juice that you can pick up at the entrance of the sanctuary. The pastor will say "The body of Christ given for you and the blood of Christ shed for you" following the singing of the Communion Song. Please deposit the cups and wrappers in the trash receptacles as you leave the sanctuary.

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

P: Presiding Minister L: Leader/Assisting Minister R: Reader A: Assembly

+ All may make the sign of the cross.

Prelude

Two settings of "All Glory Be to God on High" BWV 675, 677 by J.S. Bach and "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire" by Wilbur Held

The Assembly stands when directed and turns toward the font.

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

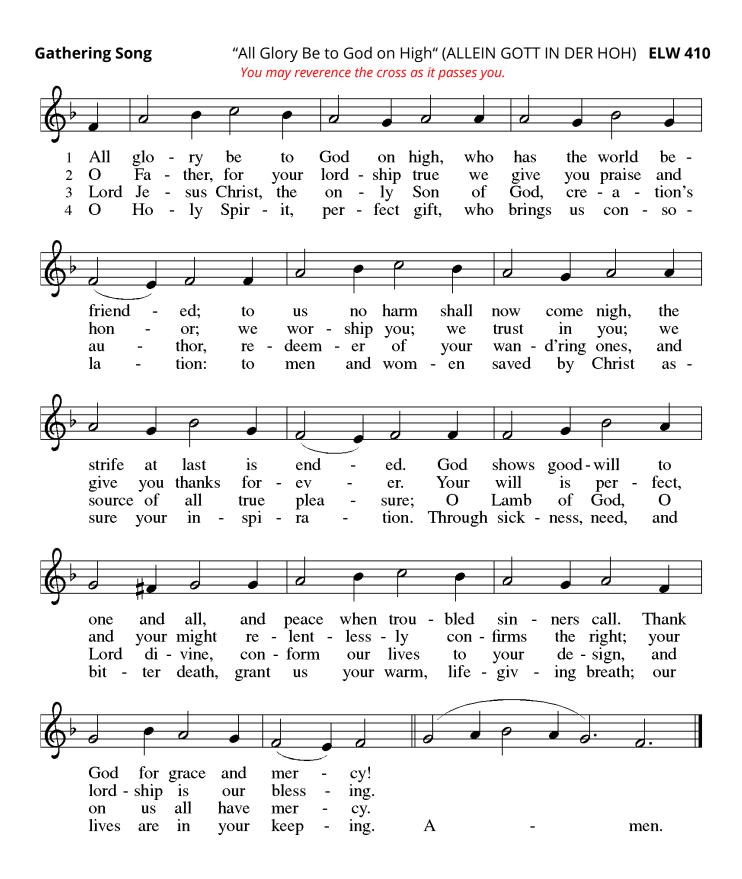
- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- A 🔮 Amen.
- P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

#### Silence is kept for reflection.

- P God, Our provider,
- A 🎍 help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

- P Beloved people of God:
   in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
   you are fed and nourished.
   By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
   there is always more than enough.
   Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
   you are shown God's mercy:
   you are forgiven and loved into abundant lifer.
- A 🔮 Amen.



#### Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- A 🛽 🚇 And also with you!



## **Prayer of the Day**

- P The Lord be with you.
- A And also with you.
- P Let us pray...

## Pause for a moment of silence...

- P Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- A Amen.

#### The Assembly is seated.

# Word: God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song

## **Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures**

#### Isaiah 6:1-8

R A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

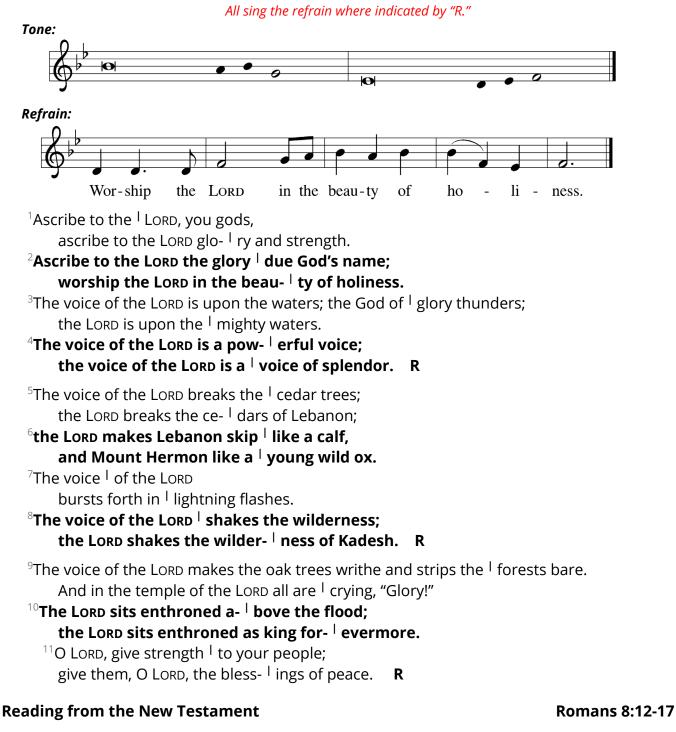
<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

- R The Word of the Lord. Or, Word of God, word of life.
- A Thanks be to God!

The organ will play the tone, and then the refrain, and then the Assembly will sing the refrain through. The organ will only accompany the first two verses and the refrain.

The right side of the Assembly sings the lightface verses to the tone; the left side of the Assembly sings boldface verses. The organ accompanies the first two verses and the remaining verses are sung unaccompanied.



R A reading from Romans.

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— <sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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- A Thanks be to God!

#### The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.



## Holy, holy is the | LORD of hosts;\* God's glory fills |

the whole earth.

## Gospel

John 3:1-17

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

# A Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be

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lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ!

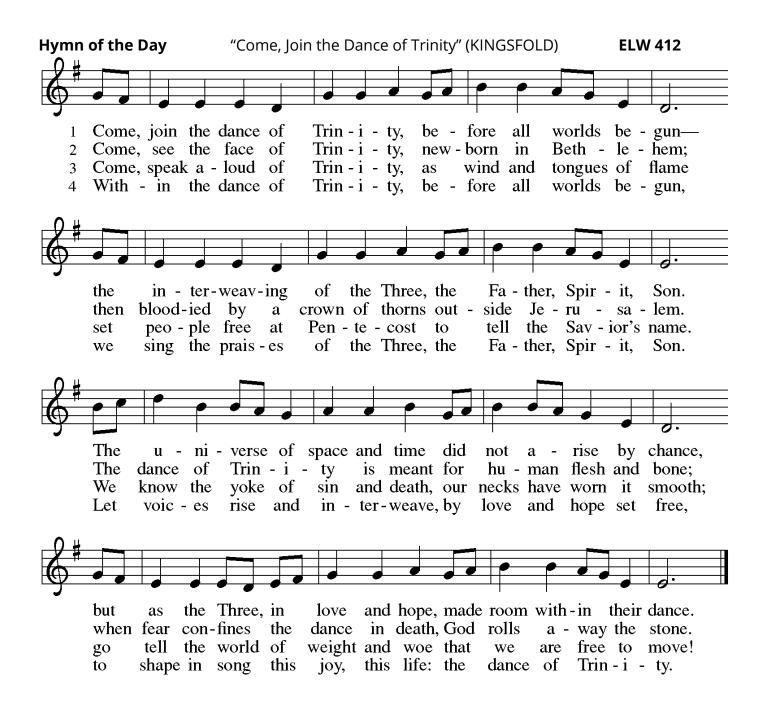
The Gospel Acclamation Alleluia is sung once again.

The Assembly is then seated.

## Sermon Time of Silence

A bell will sound to signal a time of silence for reflection. During this time, you may want to meditate on one word from the scriptures which stands out to you, asking the Spirit to show you how it applies to your own life.

When the bell sounds a second time, the Assembly stands to respond to the Word with song.



#### **The Nicene Creed**

- L With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.
- A We believe in one God,
  - the Father, the Almighty,
  - maker of heaven and earth,
  - of all that is, seen and unseen.
  - We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
    - the only Son of God,
    - eternally begotten of the Father,
    - God from God, Light from Light,
    - true God from true God,
    - begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the + resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

- L We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. *(brief pause)*
- L Abba God, you have brought us into your family, claiming us as beloved children. Bless your family of faith with gifts of cooperation and graciousness. Increase our hospitality toward all expressions of faith and teach us to honor our shared humanity. Merciful God,
- A 🞍 receive our prayer.
- L Your church community seeks guidance in serving others. We pray for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, our pastor Mark, our president Michael, our council, our justice ministries and all who guide and instruct our communities. Merciful God,

## A receive our prayer.

L O God of majesty, saints and angels delight to worship you, and by grace we join their unending hymn. Bless those who serve among us as choir members, that in worship we may sound forth the joy of your presence and make music to the glory of your name. Merciful God,

## A receive our prayer.

- L Give your blessing of peace to the nations. Shelter all who risk life and livelihood to protect others from violence, conflict, and injustice. On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have lost their lives in war and conflict. Merciful God,
- A receive our prayer.

L Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. God of grace,

# A hear our prayer.

L You are a God of love and not of condemnation. Quiet the hearts of all who struggle with shame, regret, or questions of self-worth. Teach us to forgive ourselves and one another. Restore wholeness to all who seek hope and healing, especially for Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Kathy Hermann, Dori Jacobson-Wenzel, Jim Jung, Nancy Lang, Elaine Nelson, Darryl Rohrer, Joe Simchak, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Merciful God,

# A hear our prayer.

L Strengthen bonds between parents, children, and families of all varieties. We pray especially for adoptive and foster families, multi-generational households, and blended families. Grant gifts of nurture and patience to all caregivers. Merciful God,

## A receive our prayer.

L And now, sisters and brothers, for what else shall we pray?

## The petitions and thanksgivings of the Assembly, silent or spoken aloud, are invited.

## L Merciful God,

## A receive our prayer.

L The Spirit bears grateful witness to all children of God who have now come into their inheritance among the saints, especially John Calvin, Jiri Tranovsky, and Justin. As they lived with hope in your gift of eternal life, so strengthen us in faith, that we recognize your eternal presence even in this mortal life. Merciful God,

# A receive our prayer.

P Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

## A Amen.

## Peace

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- A 🔮 And also with you.

Greet one another in the peace of Christ, saying "Peace be with you," "The peace of the Lord," or similar words.

The Assembly is seated.

Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ ...



**Offering** An offering for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need. You scan this code with your smartphone camera to make your financial offering online.

## **Offering Music**

# "All Glory Be to God on High" By J.S. Bach

All glory be to God on high; let thanks be sung forever! Whatever Satan's host may try, God foils their grim endeavor. Our gracious God hears ev'ry call, gives peace on earth, goodwill to all, and calms the troubled spirit.

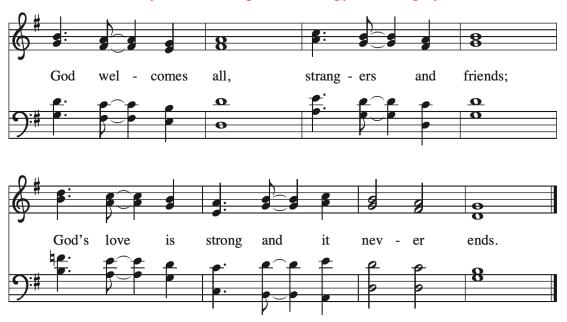
O Father, for your lordship true we give your praise and honor; we worship you; we trust in you; we give you thanks forever. You will is perfect, and your might relentlessly confirms the right; your lordship is our blessing.

Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, creation's author, redeemer of your wand'ring ones, and source of all true pleasure: O Lamb of God, O Lord divine, conform our lives to your design, and on us all have mercy.

O Holy Spirit, perfect gift, who brings us consolation: to men and women saved by Christ assure your inspiration. Through sickness, need, and bitter death, grant us your warm, life-giving breath; our lives are in your keeping.

#### Presentation of the Gifts "God Welcomes All" (AMEN THEMBA)

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#### The Assembly stands and sings twice as the gifts are brought forward.

## **Offering Prayer**

- L Let us pray.
- L Jesus, Bread of life,

you have set this table with your very self,

and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us,

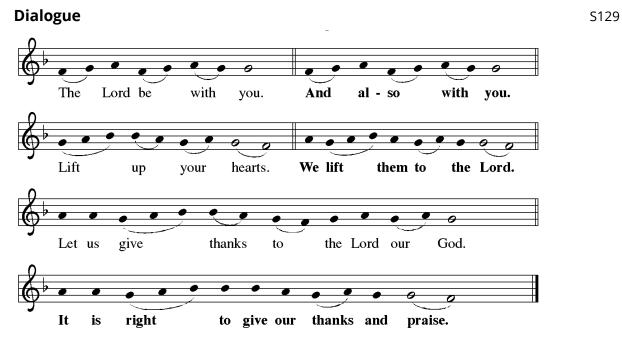
and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here,

your body for the life of the world.

A Amen.

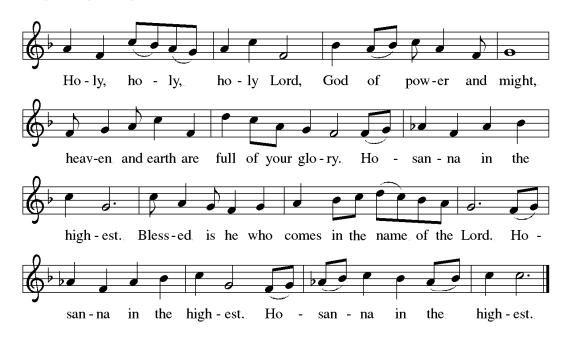
## The Great Thanksgiving



**Preface** The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### Holy, Holy, Holy The Assembly joins in singing:



#### Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

> You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:



With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

# A Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

# A Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

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# The Lord's Prayer

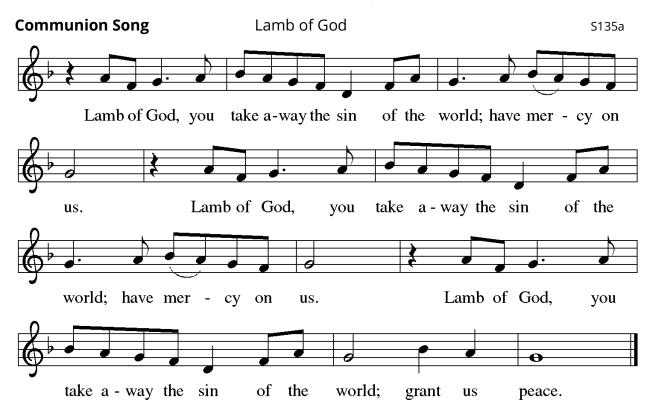
- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- A Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
   Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
   Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

- P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!
- A 🎍 We come to be filled with your abundant life.

#### The Assembly is seated.



## **Distribution of Holy Communion**

For those who are communing with the packets or online, the pastor will say "The body of Christ given for you and the blood of Christ shed for you."

Those who wish, please come forward as the ushers direct, to receive the bread from the Pastor and wine or grape juice from the Assisting Minister. The glasses will be pre-poured, with the grape juice in the inner circle and wine in the outer circle. Each person will take their own glass from the tray. Empty glasses can be deposited in trays on the front pews. This will be a continuous communion, standing to receive the elements.

- P This is the body of Christ, given for you. All communing remotely or with individual packets may partake of the bread.
- P This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.
   All communing remotely or with individual packets may drink of their cup.
   When you receive the elements, you may respond by saying, "Amen."



The Assembly stands as directed.

## **Blessing after Communion**

- P May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.
- A Amen.

# Prayer after Communion

- L Let us pray...
  Jesus, Bread of life,
  we have received from your table
  more than we could ever ask.
  As you have nourished us in this meal,
  now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
  In your name we pray.
- A Amen.

Sending: God blesses us, and sends us in mission to the world ...

# Blessing

- P The blessing of God,
   who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
   + be upon you now and forever.
- A 🔮 Amen.



## Dismissal

- L Alleluia! Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
- A 🔮 Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude

"We All Believe in One True God" BWV 680 by J.S. Bach

Please stay for a time of fellowship, congregational announcements, and celebrations immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall (on the east side of the building). Today's refreshments are hosted by Café Immanuel. Come enjoy one another's company and this opportunity for connecting!!

This is Choir Appreciation Sunday, as they take their summer break. We've really appreciated their talents which have enhanced our worship experience. Thank you, Choir & Guests!

Dana Barron, Anne Heider, Sara Krenz, Hal Larson, Lisa Larson, Kevin McDaniel, Laura McDaniel, Jim Miller, Jim Skelton, Kathy Skelton, Laurie Stivers.

**Guests**:

Eliza McDaniel, Moon Lee, Addison McDaniel, Heather Baumann, Hilary Lehmann, James C. Morehead, Robert Morehead, Graham Morehead, Kieren Morehead, Lauryn Morehead, Elaine Morehead, Miranda Morehead.

#### Serving in worship today...

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Mark Sloss
Assisting Minister	
Lector	Dana Barron
Acolyte	Elora Kloster
Organist	Christine Kraemer
Music Director	
Table Preparation	Terri Simchak
Zoom Host	Bert Mount
Audio-Visual Technician	Tom Couch, Kevin McDaniel
Ushers	Nicolai Schousboe
Counters	Kit McCarthy

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Sunday, May 26	Council Meeting	12:30 pm	
	Jesus & Pizza	5:00 pm	
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day – church office closed	Memorial Day – church office closed	
Tuesday, May 28	Midweek Gatherings on Zoom	12:00 pm Noon	
Wednesday, May 29	FA Meeting	6:30 pm	
Sunday, June 2	Sunday Worship	10:30 am	
Pride Sunday in Evanston			
	New Community Church	1:00 pm	
	New Community Church Event in FH	2:00 pm	
	Interfaith Family Pride Fest-Raymond Park	2:00 pm	

#### This week's commemorations....

#### John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564 Monday, May 27, 2024

Gifted both as a systematic theologian and as an interpreter of scriptures, Calvin embraced the Reformation, and as a preacher in Geneva, Switzerland, brought a theocratic government to it. He is regarded as the father of the Reformed churches.

#### Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637 Wednesday, May 29, 2024

Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.

# Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

## Friday, May 31, 2024

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.

#### Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165 Saturday, June 1, 2024

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

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# Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

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